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SUBJ: U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF IMF AND IBRD EXECUTIVE
BOARDS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF IMF/IBRD EXECUTIVE BOARDS ON SEPTEMBER 20 WITH LINO SPITERI, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND MEMBER OF THE MALTESE DELEGATION TO THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. SPITERI STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S DESIRE FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE TWO EXECUTIVE BOARDS, BUT THAT GOM HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY ON THIS SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY.

2. SPITERI ADDED THAT GOM'S POLICY WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF THE U.S. I.E., THAT MALTA WOULD OPPOSE EITHER AN EXPANSION OF THE SIZE OF THE TWO BOARDS OR A CHANGE IN THEIR COMPOSITION TO PERMIT REPRESENTATION FOR A NEW CONSTITUENCY TO ACCOMMODATE SOUTH AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WONDERED WHETHER ANY EXISTING CONSTITUENCY COULD EASILY ACCEPT SOUTH

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AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF REF B, EMBASSY DID NOT MAKE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR ACTION BY GOM, OTHER THAN ASKING FOR SUPPORT IF EXPANSION ISSUED COMES TO A VOTE. SPITERI REPLIED THAT MALTA WOULD OPPOSE EXPANSION. IN RESPONSE TO A SEPARATE QUESTION, SPITERI STATED HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY INITIATIVES BY THE MALTESE DELEGATION AT THIS YEAR'S IMF/IBRD MEETINGS. SMITH

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